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COURT DISMISSES LOBBYING CASE BASED ON INACTION BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

San Diego, CA—Superior Court Judge Michael D. Wellington today dismissed the City Attorney's misdemeanor case against former city official Tom Story, who is now an executive with Sunroad Enterprises, because the San Diego County District Attorney and the State Attorney General declined to take over prosecution of the case.

"It should be completely understood that the dismissal of this case does not vindicate Sunroad lobbyist Tom Story," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. "Unfortunately, we never got the opportunity to present our case to a jury but based on our evidence, we believe they would have found that Mr. Story had violated the City of San Diego's lobbying ordinance."

Last year, Judge Wellington ordered the City Attorney's Office recused from the criminal case because it was involved in civil litigation against Sunroad Enterprises' Corporation for violating federal, state and local laws regarding the excessive height of the Sunroad Centrum building in Kearny Mesa.

It is now up to the City of San Diego's Ethics Commission to pursue the matter.

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